

FCHC COALITION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

Date: May 14, 2008

Present: Barbara Brookmyer
Leigh Joos
David Liddle
Helen Monk
Tom Werner
Jim Williams

Committee Reports

Pharmacy –One of the two longstanding components of the State Medbank program has been eliminated—the Medbank Pharmacy component which was a mail order program. The pilot program in Frederick was an extension of that Pharmacy component and will therefore end shortly. The time gap situation is expected to be problematic again, and perhaps affect more people as there were some number of people who were benefiting from the Pharmacy component.

Old Business

Incorporation and Tax Status Consideration

Would not be eligible for most grants if for-profit status. Some calls received by Community Foundation after Helen's Health Matters Channel 18 Show. Donors looking for non-profits. If incorporated as a for-profit, then risk losing current grant (which expires Oct. 1).

Liability—once start doing things, incorporating would reduce liability according to one informal attorney consultation. A limited liability corporation (LLC) might be best. If all members of the Executive Committee are from non-profits, could be considered as a surrogate non-profit LLC. But if any members represent a for-profit organization, then would not likely pass as a surrogate non-profit LLC. Process would be—

Step 1 – incorporate in State

Step 2 – IRS 501 (c)(3) status

Downside of 501(c)(3) tax status—cost to apply and annual renewal (state) and 7-year renewal (IRS).

Plan for full Coalition meeting this month is for Jim Williams to provide pros and cons of incorporation and tax status.

Motion: Barbara Brookmyer made a motion to recommend to membership at next full Coalition meeting that the Executive Committee seek incorporation as a 501(c)(3) entity. Seconded by David Liddle. Unanimously approved.

Grant Update

Provider Recruitment – 3 neurologists, 1 cardiologist, 1 endocrinologist, 1 pulmonologist, others are considering, goal was 5 specialists and 3 primary care practices.

Coalition Meeting Agenda

1. Agenda Overview (Jim Williams)
2. Needs Assessment Response and Progress Review (Barbara Brookmyer)
 - FMH—immediate care hours
 - Cardiac—PAD program
 - Stroke program
 - Prenatal clinic (Tom Kleinhanzl/designee)
3. Grant update (Leigh Joos)
4. Resource guides announcement/reminder (Jim Williams)
5. By-law revisions discussion and vote (?)
6. Incorporation and tax status discussion and possible vote (?)
7. Survey results and discussion—(results—Barbara Brookmyer; discussion David Liddle)

Survey Results

41 completed surveys out of 44 initiated. The highest extremely important vote getters were the global objectives like health care availability regardless of ability to pay (which validates path over last two years), affordable health insurance, affordable health care, and affordable prescriptions. Transportation and interpretation were viewed as less important. Interest in wellness was not significant. There were only a few comments. Automatically graphed results would only be available if subscription paid to Survey Monkey. Will try to group by themes for display during Coalition meeting, e.g., functions, access.

Next meeting

Full Coalition meeting May 21, 2008 at 4:00 p.m. at FMH; next Executive Committee meeting June 2, 2008 at 8:00 a.m.

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